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A.—The Minister never authorized any one to canvass votes for the President of the South Arcot District Board.

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister was aware that Mr. Soundarapandia Nadar went to this place at that time? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am not aware of any such thing."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know whether at any time he told Mr. Soundarapandia Nadar that he might ask the nominated members to vote in a particular manner? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No, Sir."

Nominations to South Arcot District Board.

* 1952 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reason for nominating Mr. A. T. Muthukumaraswami Chettiyar Avargal as a member of the District Board of South Arcot in preference to a Muslim ;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that Mr. A. T. Muthukumaraswami Chettiyar Avargal is a nominated member of the Cuddalore Taluk Board and that at an election held by the said Taluk Board to return representatives to the District Board, he stood as one of the candidates and was defeated in the said election ;

(*c*) if so, why a defeated candidate was nominated to the District Board ;

(*d*) whether there is any nominated Muslim member in the District Board ;

(*e*) whether the District Board President recommended the name of any Muslim gentleman ; if so, why his recommendation was not accepted ;

(*f*) whether the Government are aware that Mr. A. T. Muthukumaraswami Chettiyar was a nominated member of the said District Board for more than two terms ; and

(*g*) whether Government took any steps, and if so what, to nominate a Muslim member ?

A.—(*a*) M.R.Ry. A. T. Muthukumaraswami Chettiyar Avargal belonged to a minority community which was not represented on the South Arcot District Board.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government knew that Mr. Chettiyar was a nominated member of the Cuddalore Taluk Board. They have no information as to his defeat in the election of members to the District Board from the Taluk Board.

(*d*) No ; but there are two elected members.

(*e*) & (*g*) The Government are not prepared to furnish the information required.

(*f*) Mr. Chettiyar was a nominated member for one term from 8th August 1922 to 7th August 1925.